Examiner: Good Morning Cynthia

Candidate: Good morning.

Examiner: This is the IELTS Speaking Test. Er, first of all, let's talk about what you do. Do you work or are you a student?

Candidate: Um, I'm a stay-at-home mum, actually, and I'm taking care of my childs.

Examiner: Uh-huh, and what was your job previously?

Candidate: I, I have worked for almost 3, 3 or 5 years for a – um – fragrance company, as the marketing department.

Examiner: Ok, and you did this job for between 3 and 5 years?

Candidate: For almost, yeah, 3 years in this company and marketing also in another company for almost another 3 years.

Examiner: Mm-mm, ok, and what do – or what did you like about this job?

Candidate: Er, lot of things. I used to communicate with people a lot, er, speak with people from other countries, from France, from Germany, and I loved talking other languages and know other cultures. And, it was very, very interesting.

Examiner: Ok, in 10 years time, what job do you hope to be doing?

Candidate: Mmm, I hope the same, or better. (uh-huh) I hope to, to return to the same company, um, and do some sales also. (uh-huh) It's interesting.

Examiner: Ok, let's talk about where you live. Um, what sort of home do you live in?

Candidate: We live with my family in a lovely flat. We love the light of, of our flat and the, the rooms. It's very comfortable.

Examiner: And how long have you lived here?

Candidate: For almost, I think for almost 5 years, yeah.

Examiner: And what do you like about your home?

Candidate: Er, I love the light, the light and especially the distribution of the rooms, the kitchen, it's very well-organised.

Examiner: Ok, is there anything you would like to improve about your home?

Candidate: Maybe the rooms of the children. Now I'm waiting my third kid so I have to, to organize them in a better way, because I have two, two young boys and a girl and I have to organize again.

Examiner: Now, let's move on to talk about food and eating. Er, when do you eat your main meal of the day?

Candidate: Breakfast, in the morning. If I don't have my breakfast I can't go on with the day. Um, so, I take orange juice, coffee, toast … complete.

Examiner: Uh-huh, and who do you usually eat your meals with?

Candidate: Um, with the children and my husband.

Examiner: And do you prefer eating at home or in restaurants?

Candidate: Um, when I have – bueno – at lunch I just eat a sandwich or something easy and when I have dinner, I prefer to, when my husband is here because he travels a lot, we prefer to go to restaurants because we are alone, can speak, and it's our time.

Examiner: Ok, and on what occasions in your country do people eat special meals?

Candidate: I guess it's for Christmas, or birthdays, or, we do special food and the family's all together (mm-mm) and that's lovely I think.

Examiner: Ok, next I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for 1-2 minutes. Ok, before you talk you have 1 minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Candidate: Yes.

Examiner: Ok, here's some paper and a pencil. And I'd like you to describe an interesting city you have visited. You should say:

- where it is
- how you went there
- what you did there

and explain why you found it so interesting.

Candidate: Ok.